

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of: Gordon R. Wilde
For: Recoverable System for Mooring Mobile
Offshore Drilling Units
Prior Examiner: Tara L. Mayo
Art Unit No.: 3672

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please find below Applicant's Preliminary Amendment that accompanies the request for filing a divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) filed herewith. Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On Page 1 before the first line please insert the sentence:

"This application is a division of pending application number 08/948,227 filed on October 9, 1997." ^{US Patent No. 6,009,825}

IN THE CLAIMS:

✓ Please cancel claims 1-29.

✓ Please add new claims 35-41 as follows:

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